## Alstom signs a frame agreement to extend Cital's activities and produce locally Coradia regional and intercity trains for Algeria

**10 April 2016** – Alstom, EMA (Entreprise Métro d'Alger), Ferrovial and SNTF (Société Nationale des Transports Ferroviaires) today signed a frame agreement to extend the activities of the joint venture Cital<sup>1</sup> to include the assembly and maintenance of regional and intercity trains, in addition to its current focus on Citadis trams.

The agreement was signed by Yacine Bendjaballah, Managing Director of SNTF, Aomar Hadbi, CEO of EMA, Salah Melek Managing Director of Ferrovial, and Henri Bussery, Managing Director of Alstom Algeria, at the CIHN (Comité Intergouvernemental de Haut Niveau Algéro-Français) in Algiers. The signature took place in the presence of the French Prime Minister, Manuel Valls, and the Algerian Prime Minister, Abdelmalek Sellal.

The new agreement also includes SNTF's entry into the Cital joint venture as a shareholder<sup>2</sup>. SNTF intends to order 98 Coradia trains from Cital, based on Alstom's Coradia Polyvalent in its bimodal version. The acquisition is part of the operator's plan to extend its rail network from 3,000 km to 12,500 km by 2025, own a larger fleet able to circulate on various types of lines, and offer an enhanced quality of service to its passengers.

The Cital site in Annaba, currently dedicated to the assembly and maintenance of Citadis trams, will be extended from the current 46,000 m2 to 190,000 m2. It will house an engineering department, new production lines, and a maintenance depot. It will have the capacity to produce one Coradia train per month.

The new activity will progressively create up to around 270 direct jobs at the Annaba site, currently employing more than 240, and several hundred indirect ones. Alstom will provide training and will transfer skills, know-how and technology to Cital's employees for the production and maintenance of the new trains.

"This signature represents a very significant agreement with our partners in CITAL, EMA and Ferrovial, with whom we have carried out successful tramway projects in several cities in Algeria and now also SNTF, who will join the Joint Venture. Cital's extended activity will certainly contribute to the emergence of a railway hub in Annaba, reinforcing Algeria's industrial sector while offering a larger number of people the opportunity to travel via reliable, safe and environmental-friendly modes of transport. This new milestone is an



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alstom (49%). Ferrovial (41%) and EMA (10%)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SNTF takes 10% while Ferrovial holds 31%

*important step in Alstom's global strategy and efforts to be closer to its customers,*" said Gian Luca Erbacci, Senior Vice President of Alstom Middle East and Africa.

More than 300 Alstom employees are based in Algeria. The company has delivered 98 Citadis trams to the cities of Algiers, Constantine and Oran and is presently working with Cital on delivering new Citadis tramway solutions to the cities of Ouargla, Mostaganem, Setif, and Constantine for its second tramway line. In July 2015, Alstom was awarded a contract by SNTF to supply 17 Coradia Polyvalent intercity trains<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Designed, produced and tested in Reichshoffen in France